

There were a few minor mishaps, but the small fishing craft during the gale were accompanied Sunday's storm, aside from the sinking of a dredge. San Pedro, there was no great loss. The rainfall assures an abundant crop throughout Southern Calif.

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Montreal, March 13.—Owing to increased traffic and anticipated further increase on their lines, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have this week sent an order for 1,000 additional cars to their shops. These will be completed for use during the coming summer throughout the entire C. P. R. system.

Assistant Chief Engineer.
Montreal, March 13.—F. P. Gutelius has been appointed assistant chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific. He is succeeded as engineer of maintenance of way by L. A. Hartzberg, now divisional engineer of the Ontario division. J. M. R. Fairbairn goes to Toronto as Mr. Hartzberg's successor, and is succeeded in Montreal by J. H. Barber, of St. John, N. B., engineer of the Atlantic division.

Increasing Capacity.
Montreal, March 13.—The Lake of the Woods Milling Company is concluding arrangements to take over the entire properties of the Keewatin Milling Company, by which it will not only be enabled to greatly increase its daily output, but will also be able to boast of having the largest single flour mill in the British Empire. The Keewatin Milling Company was only organized a short time ago and now has a large flour mill under construction at Keewatin, where the chief mills of the Lake of the Woods Company are also situated. The plant under construction will have a capacity of 4,000 barrels a day, but should the deal go through successfully it is the intention of the Lake of the Woods Company to immediately increase the capacity of the mills to 7,000 barrels a day.

Fires in Montreal.
Montreal, March 13.—Damage estimated at more than \$50,000 was caused last night by the four fires mentioned in last night's dispatches, which compelled the brigade to work from seven o'clock up to midnight. One man was hurt, Henry Harkinger, an employee, who jumped from the third story during the fire at the Oliver Typewriter Company's factory and injured his spine. The summary of the damages is as follows: B. O. Bland and others, 184 Notre Dame street, \$25,000; Crawford & McGarry, provision merchants, and L. Z. Bodeau, printer, and others, 558 St. Paul street, \$18,000; Oliver Typewriter factory, 81, St. Martin street, \$20,000; Osborne street boardwalk.

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on this paper. The warrant, which was issued on the information of Messrs. Warwick, Ross, & Rutter, printers, charges Fisher with stealing documents, the property of the Ontario government, containing certain information. Fisher is said to have induced the messenger of the printing firm, who was on his way to Judge Meredith with advance proofs, to enter his (Fisher's) house, where a set of proofs was abstracted.

FRENCH MINISTERS

Decrees Will Be Issued By President Fallières—Church and State.

Paris, March 13.—President Fallières today signed decrees nominating the new ministers, which will appear in the official Journal to-morrow. A general statement of the ministerial policy will be made in the Chamber of Deputies, and the cabinet will express its determination to continue in M. Rouvier's line of action relative to foreign affairs.

It is understood that M. Revell, the senior delegate to the Algerian conference, will be instructed to accept the proposal for an Inspector of Moroccan police, but, categorically, to reject the claim that the Inspector shall hold command of any port. The ministers will take the view that the church and state separation law clearly establishes the mode of procedure concerning inventories, and will announce that measures will be taken against the organization of resistance.

From Frying Pan Into Fire.
Rome, March 13.—The Vatican has been following the French cabinet crisis with the keenest interest, but its solution, it is considered, will complete the disaster to the Catholic church in France. A prominent prelate exclaimed to-day: "We have fallen from the frying pan into the fire."

The Vatican authorities received a dispatch to-day saying the composition of the cabinet will not be officially announced until to-morrow, because to-day, being the thirteenth day of the month, is considered to be unlucky.

The Pontiff smiled sadly when this information was conveyed to him, saying: "Evidently being a free-thinker does not exclude superstition. Bad days are preparing for the dear, dear Catholics in France."

GUARDING CATHEDRAL.
Congregation at Marseilles Ready to Resist Authorities.

Marseilles, March 13.—An exciting scene occurred to-day at the doors of the cathedral. The local authorities attempted to take an inventory under the church and state separation law, whereupon the bishop, wearing his mitre, and surrounded by the congregation, chanting, ordered the authorities not to enter the cathedral and read a declaration denouncing the law as renewing the evils which brought on the revolution and the reign of terror. The bishop added: "Here, before the altar, I announce that I am prepared to suffer imprisonment, exile or death in defending the rights of the church."

The authorities withdrew, in order to avoid trouble. The cathedral will be closed day and night, and guards will keep regular watches to resist the government inspectors.

Preparing For Siege.
Privas, Department of Ardèche, France, March 13.—The population of the town of Coucouron, about fifty miles from here, is determined to resist the taking of the inventory of the church, under the church and state separation law. The doors are heavily barricaded and strong grates have been fastened across the windows. A hundred men are armed with rifles and provisions for a long siege and are installed inside the building.

MINERS AND THEIR WAGES

Indiana Operators Opposed to Granting Any Increase.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 13.—The Indiana bituminous coal operators association by resolution adopted at the annual meeting to-night opposed making any changes in the scale of wages for mining coal that increase the cost of production above the scale made two years ago. The action means according to the operators, that unless the miners back down, from their demands for increased wages there will be a strike April 1st.

National Convention.
Indianapolis, Ind., March 13.—With the special national convention of the United Mine Workers of America called in response to the request of President Roosevelt, to make efforts to avoid a strike of all coal miners in the United States, there will be a discussion of the plans for a joint conference with the bituminous operators in Indianapolis next week. The miners' convention opens Thursday. Many officials arrived to-day, and conferences will begin to-morrow.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Washington, March 13.—The senate committee on privileges and elections to-day instructed a sub-committee consisting of Senators Foraker, Knox and Bailey, to examine the several bills before the senate to prohibit national banks from contributing money for campaign purposes, and report whether, in their opinion, any of these measures, if enacted into law, would prevent such evils in the future. The committee was instructed to draft a bill if the pending measures are not satisfactory.

The action taken is the result of a hearing given to Senator Tillman to-day in support of his resolution directing an inquiry whether, since March 4th, 1903, any payments have been made by national banks to carry on any political campaign. Mr. Tillman asserted to the committee that he had positive evidence that certain national banks had made such payments, but he declined to disclose the evidence.

IMPERIAL COMMONS

Fiscal Debate Ended—Premier Campbell-Bannerman Moves the Closure.

London, March 13.—The fiscal debate in the House of Commons ended to-night by the premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, moving the closure. Eventually the motion of Sir James Kitson, ministerialist, declaring it to be the determination of parliament to resist any attempt to institute protective duties, was carried by 474 to 55.

PLAYWRIGHT'S DEATH

Found Dead in His Room—Police Think He Was Murdered.

New York, March 13.—Louis De Lange, a playwright, whose home was formerly in Philadelphia, died here to-day under suspicious circumstances. His body was found in his room at West One Hundred and Forty-second street when his brother went to awaken him, his brother being out. He was the author of "The Globe Trotter," "The Little Host," and "Sweet Annie Page." He was formerly an actor. The suspicions of the police that De Lange was murdered are based on a statement made by the dead man's sister-in-law, Mrs. Alexander. The Lange family heard sounds of quarrelling and thought that she and her husband were in the room. She heard her brother-in-law say: "Oh God, don't do that." Alarmed, she arose, and going to the hallway saw a young man leave the playwright's room and go out of the house. This man, Mrs. De Lange says, acted as if intoxicated. She listened and heard nothing more from her brother-in-law's room and went back to bed. Upon rising this morning she told her husband what she had seen and an investigation revealed De Lange's death.

THREE VILLAGES DESTROYED

Eruption of Volcano on Island of Savaii Continues.

Honolulu, March 13.—The officers of the steamer Sierra, which arrived here from Sydney, N. S. W., via Samoa, reports that the eruption of the volcano on the island of Savaii, in the Samoan group, continues on a large scale. Three villages have been completely destroyed, including Malaeloa, where was located the most extensive plantation on the island. The residences of A. King and G. Barrow have been reduced to ruins and are a total loss. The lava from the volcano is flowing into the sea at a rate of three-quarters of a mile wide and twenty feet deep, at the rate of twenty feet an hour. At night a solid wall of molten lava, five miles long, can be seen reaching far out into the sea. For some distance along the sea water is boiling and the surf breaking over the fiery stream. The government recently chartered the steamer Maori to remove women and children from the scene of the danger. The steamer reports that there has been no communication with Tahiti since the recent disaster by hurricane there.

ALLEGED MURDERERS

Men Indicted for Killing Former Governor—Are Guarded Night and Day.

Caldwell, Idaho, March 13.—Under a heavy guard, Mayor Hayward and Pettibone, who have been indicted for the murder of former Governor Stevenson, were removed to-day from the state prison in Boise to the Canyon county jail in this city, against the protests of Governor Gooding.

To forestall any efforts at rescue, which he believed might be attempted, Sheriff Nicholas had a score in dozens of deputies, who will patrol the jail night and day while the federal officers are detained here. If this protection is not sufficient, Governor Gooding will call out the militia.

AT THE THEATRES

Pringle Company in New Play—Other Amusements.

To-night the Pringle company will present a play new to Victoria theatre-goers, the five-act comedy drama, "Only a Farmer's Daughter." The piece is said to be one of the very best in the Pringle repertoire, which embraces over a hundred standard plays. "Only a Farmer's Daughter" contains plenty of good, clean comedy with a mingling of pathos and any number of startling and sensational scenes and climaxes. Seats have been selling fast for to-night's performance, and a bumper house is sure to be in attendance.

On Thursday and Friday nights the laughable comedy, "A Fox's Tramp," will be presented.

For two performances only, Saturday matinee and night, the great emotional drama, "Camille," will hold the boards. Miss Leaning Rowan will appear in the title role, supported by the full strength of the Pringle company.

"Captain Debonnaire," a play which runs nearly the whole dramatic gamut—from humor almost to tragedy. Those who love to see a beautiful maiden won by a handsome cavalier in face of opposition which can be overcome only by diplomacy and the sword, and who glory in the discomfiture of unworthy suitors who would heap indignity upon the lady because of her choice, and dis-

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Another Success

Another large audience enjoyed the performance of "All the Comforts of a Home" at the Victoria theatre last evening, the eleven amateurs in the various roles acquitting themselves in splendid style.

A very enjoyable feature of the evening was the rendering of a singing between the first and second acts by Mrs. Ohlandt, which was tumultuously applauded. It is to be hoped that those participating in this production will present another play before very long, as there is enough talent among them to discount many a professional organization.

Other People's Money

The comedy, "Other People's Money," will hold the boards at the Victoria theatre on Friday night. It is said to be a very laughable production.

SOCKEYE PACK

John Husband, of the firm of Husband, Snelling & Co., of London, Eng., one of the largest salmon broker firms in the world, is on the Pacific coast making inquiry as to how much of last year's sockeye pack remains in first hands.

Interviewed in Vancouver by the News-Advertiser, Mr. Husband said: "From the investigation I have made since reaching the coast, it appears there is very little of the sockeye pack of 1905 in first hands, and the proportion of the Alaska pack remaining in first hands is not much larger. The London market is practically cleaned out of sockeye salmon at this time, and the new pack will undoubtedly open at a very high figure. Alaskan salmon will be equally high in proportion. The demand for this brand is good, and as the packers in Alaska were unable to make a legitimate profit at the prices that prevailed last season, an advance is really necessary to justify capital in continuing operations in the north."

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The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Perrin; first vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Grant; second vice-president, Mrs. R. B. McKicking; third vice-president, Mrs. Willcroft; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Powell; fifth vice-president, Miss McDowell; sixth vice-president, Miss Carr; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Miss M. R. Lawson; recording secretary, Mrs. S. C. Wood.

Mayor Morley, in moving the adoption of the secretary's and president's reports, expressed his indebtedness to the ladies for their invaluable assistance to himself and the city council. He thought the general public were not fully aware of the great work done by the society. He expressed his appreciation of the assistance given him in charitable work by the president, Mrs. Perrin, and by Miss Lawson.

Bishop Perrin moved the adoption of the treasurer's statement and commended the society on their work. He called attention to the fact that there were only fifty cash donors during the past year, and thought that if the work done by the society were better known, there would be a large number more.

FIRE IN CALIFORNIA.
Main Thoroughfare of Guerneville Doomed to Destruction.

Santa Rosa, Cal., March 13.—At 12:35 this morning a telephone message was received from Guerneville appealing for assistance and announcing that a disastrous fire was raging there which threatened to wipe out the town. At the time the message came, the Grand Central hotel had been consumed and practically all of the buildings on that side of the street, which is the main thoroughfare, were thought to be doomed.

Arrangements were immediately made here to send an engine to Guerneville by special train, but a second telephone message came at 1 o'clock this morning, countering the request for apparatus, saying that it would be useless to send an engine, as everything threatened would be wiped out by the time the Santa Rosa firemen arrived.

A Jap who was taken from Sedro-Woolley on Sunday, March 4th, and placed in a padded cell at the county jail at Mount Vernon committed suicide Monday by hanging himself. He had been in a fight with another Japanese and was quite badly cut up.

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Civic Matters Discussed at the North Ward Schoolhouse—The Savoy—Liquor License.

Pursuant to a numerously signed petition a meeting of the united municipal associations was held at North Ward schoolhouse last night. The weather was decidedly disagreeable, and seemed to chill the ardor of many municipal reformers, who under more inviting conditions would have been present. Those responsible for the heating arrangements of the big room seemed to anticipate a warm debate, and failed to keep the radiators tightly work, so that with excellent results the assembled enthusiasts attacked the problems they were called upon to face.

A. B. McNeill was voted to the chair, and briefly announced the object of the meeting, regretting that the weather conditions were such as to prevent a larger attendance. One of the topics discussed in the petition was the proposal to have an independent auditor appointed to deal with corporation accounts, and as Mayor Morley was present and some of the aldermen he suggested that they be heard from.

Ald. Fullerton suggested that the more important planks of the associations' platform—first the appointment of an independent auditor and next the securing of land for park purposes for the North Ward.

Mayor Morley was the next speaker. He alluded to the difficulties of getting the bill for the transfer of park lands had been twice thrown out, and it was only by the dint of perseverance that they got it through. He suggested that a committee be appointed from the North Ward on the park matter, so that the city council might have the advantage of the views of these gentlemen. According to the act, as passed, it would be necessary to submit the subject to the people for their approval.

His Worship next touched upon the question of an independent auditor, and pointed out the difficulties existing in dealing with this matter in the council. He had no hesitation in saying that he was not satisfied with existing conditions at the city hall. Unless the people were determined to have the independent audit it would be hard to get the city council to do anything. He thought the aldermen seemed to think that there was no necessity for such an appointment. He was convinced that a change was necessary, and proposed certain alterations in existing methods, but not a complete change. He suggested that in one department, but not in all, a change in others, but his idea was that the whole system should be improved, and brought up to date. He was in favor of an independent auditor, and did not care where such a man came from so long as he was competent. A change was necessary, as would be observed from suggestions made by the heads of departments at the previous night's sitting of the city council. The officials were doing good service and faithfully filling their respective offices, but the system was not the correct one. Instead of having a yearly balance sheet as at present, the accounts should be audited a couple of times a year—four times preferably—and the auditor should have the right to drop in at any time and look over the books. This was the plan adopted in banking and other institutions, and was proved to be the correct one. Then why not apply it to the city?

His Worship next alluded to the waterworks question, referring to his pre-election statement that they were mixed up in an unnecessary law suit which would bring them nothing but expense. They were already booked for \$2,500 for law. There was a bad entanglement, and he held there was no necessity for being led into it. He had been trying to clean the slate and start afresh. There was, however, too much law and too much amendment. They could not give change their system of booking at the city hall without having the Municipal Act amended. The united municipalities society had been engaged for weeks herein bawling down the many propositions made for the betterment of municipal government. The object was to frame the Municipal Act after the model of the Baldwin Act, which worked satisfactorily in the east, and would not doubt prove equally efficacious in the west. By next session the united municipalities hoped to be in a position to present a code for municipal government which would be workable.

His Worship next went on to the Liquor License Act, and pointed out the difficulties in enforcing the law, but contended that while the law called for Sunday closing and no gambling, that law should be enforced. While some of the saloon keepers gave every means to frustrate the act, gambling should be put down and the liquor law ought to be enforced. His stand on this point everyone was aware of.

On the question of taxation, His Worship argued against trying improvement when it was shown that these improvements were necessary. Under their present system a great deal was paid out every year in interest, and this was what he objected to. No money should be borrowed for an object which would not repay the loan. The sinking fund would be with them for years, but he considered it undesirable that they should be paying \$60,000 or \$70,000 a year for interest. He favored the entire local improvement system as outlined in his recent message to the city council (and duly published in the Times), such a system was being adopted in all up-to-date communities, and was giving satisfaction wherever enforced. Victoria did not seem disposed to take a big dose of medicine at once, but he hoped that the citizens would support him in his efforts to improve matters. What they wanted in Victoria was a public spirit of unanimity for the city's good. If in an American community a man were to make a practical suggestion for the public interest, he would be encouraged and heartily supported, but in Victoria it seemed any innovation, however desirable, would be promptly met by strenuous opposition on the part of those who seemed to think that everything was going on all right, and that no change whatever was desirable. If they could do away with this partiality and infuse a healthy volunteer system, Victoria would be a different place to-day, and more prosperous.

His Worship concluded with an appeal for unanimity of action in advancing the city's welfare, and by stating that he would be happy to answer any questions put to him by the meeting.

George Jeeves said that in reading the report from the city hall he found it did not show the rate of wage city officials were paid, and asked for an explanation.

The Mayor said all that information appeared in the by-law, but he thought perhaps the particulars should also be supplied in the annual statement.

F. Davie asked if those removed from the franchise list by recent legislation had been restored.

The Mayor replied in the affirmative, and also stated that amendments to the act permitted of increasing the number of aldermen.

Noah Shakespeare asked if the Mayor adopted the general principle of an independent audit, to which his worship replied in the affirmative.

The chairman at this stage left the meeting, and Noah Shakespeare called on to preside as president of the North Ward Municipal Association. Before leaving, Mr. McNeill said the feeling in the ward was that the new school asked for should be built on the park land which it was proposed to secure for this ward, or an adjoining property.

His Worship thought the meeting should discuss the wants of the ward and not leave all to the mayor and aldermen. He explained that with reference to the proposed North Ward park, they had waited upon the government and secured the necessary legislation. As to the independent auditor proposition, he considered that the work was at present being carried out effectively and economically. However, if there were honest doubts in the minds of the ratepayers that a change was necessary, he would support the change, but he thought the present arrangement was satisfactory. The Mayor had spoken of a change in the method of taxation, and this he (the speaker) agreed with, but it was an innovation which required careful consideration, and would be settled by the vote of the people. As to the present system in regard to the city hall, he seemed to work fairly well, and it might be difficult to make a complete change.

Joseph Pearson next addressed the meeting, and referred to certain newspaper correspondence on the subject of the audit in the whole management of the city. He put under two heads at present it was all heads and no tails. The inside work, he contended, should be under the control of a city clerk, who should be a barrister. A city assessor need not be a permanent officer, but a temporary appointment. All outside work should be done by a thoroughly qualified city engineer, with the necessary assistance. With such an arrangement as he proposed, at least \$50,000 a year might be saved, and the aldermen should not be paid, which would add another, and a considerable item, to the public treasury. The compulsory audit section of the municipal clauses act should be enforced, thereby protecting the public from illegal expenditure.

D. Sprague thought they were called upon to record their views on the question of audit, and moved accordingly, that the meeting place itself on record as in favor of an independent auditor.

W. Marchant supported this view, but thought it did not go far enough. The council should not have control of the auditor—he should be "altogether independent" of the council. The independent of the council, he held that such a grant would be disallowed by an independent auditor. He alluded to several expenditures by past and present councils which he said "any independent auditor" would have disallowed. If the auditor were appointed under the provisions of the Municipal Clauses Act, he would not be a creature of the council, and would do his duty independently. Such an auditor would see that aldermen who voted public moneys illegally, would themselves be made pay such sums.

Ald. Hall, in response to a question, said that he was in favor of asking the government to appoint an auditor, who would be in no way under the control of the council.

Mr. Marchant moved that the meeting place itself on record in favor of an independent auditor appointed under clause 86 and 86 of the Municipal Clauses Act, and that the council be requested to carry this recommendation into effect forthwith.

Ald. Fullerton was in favor of a government appointed auditor, and would move for such an appointment if it was the wish of the meeting.

The Mayor objected to the resolution inasmuch as it made it a political appointment. Next year the electors, he hoped, would have the appointing of an auditor.

George Jeeves would object to an auditor being appointed by the vote of the people, as an incompetent man with the right "pull" might gain the appointment.

Edward Bragg argued that it was before the expenditure reached the auditor that the necessity for proper supervision came in.

Mr. Marchant's motion was put and carried unanimously.

F. Davie moved that the local improvement plan be adopted in connection with new work done on sidewalks and streets.

Mr. Marchant seconded the motion, and said that he knew some would say that this was a new thing for an old city; but they could never make the disposal of the mayor and council was altogether insufficient, and it was time that something more practical should be done.

Mr. Jeeves pointed out that they were really at the limit of their borrowing powers for street improvement.

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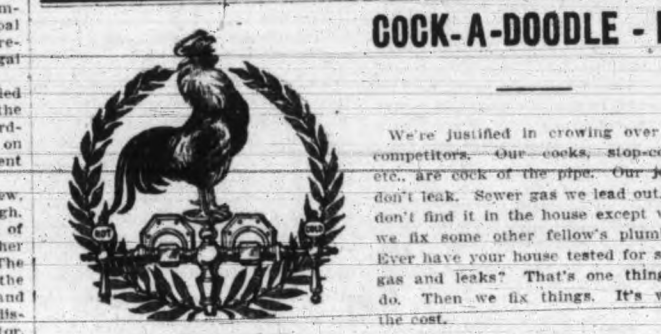
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ments, but they should remember that they were trying to make this a residential city. He spoke of property which had paid taxes for many years and could not now get a water pipe laid.

Ald. Fullerton said that as a member of the streets and bridges committee he was persecuted by people seeking improvement in their districts. The city engineer had estimated that the requirements for this year in new work would be \$60,000. Already the committee had petitions for about \$25,000 worth of work, although they had but \$20,000 at their disposal. He favored the full local improvement system, and quoted figures in support of his contention. With the limited amount at their disposal, the streets were practically only skimmed over. Under the full local improvement system the city would go ahead and the owners of property would not pay "preceptibly a higher rate than at present."

This contention was refuted by the Mayor, and the motion carried. Mr. Sprague moved that this meeting be closed to the transfer of the great liquor license of the Savoy to any other premises.

Mr. Jeeves seconded the motion. Mr. Jeeves did not see why the Savoy should be discriminated against. If the holders of that license did not live up to the terms of their license it was the fault of the police and police commissioners.

Mr. Davie strongly supported the motion. Mr. Blyth said that if such men as Mayor Morley had been in the civic chair, the Savoy would have been closed down long ago or reformed. However, he did not see that the meeting could ask that the license be re-

tused, as it was clear that Mayor Morley would see that the place was properly run.

The Mayor explained the conditions under which he granted a temporary transfer to Macdonnell of the Savoy. The chief of police did not object to it after inquiry, nor was there any objection to the transfer that he knew of except that set forth in the motion. He assured the meeting that the transfer would not be ratified except after the most thorough investigation.

F. Smith asked if anything more had been done with reference to the Indian reserve, and the Mayor having explained that the matter was under consideration, the meeting adjourned.

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secure the terminus of the Grand
Trunk Pacific Railway in British Co-
lumbia and at Kalen Island, because
the experience of railway promoters at
Washington and at Ottawa led them to
believe that the only way in which to
deal with governments was through in-
termediaries with a "pull." That is to
say, if there has been anything wrong
about the Kalen Island transaction, the
major portion of the blame must
ultimately rest upon the shoulders of
the Grits at Ottawa, with a minor
share attaching to the system in vogue
at Washington. That is a very con-
venient manner of disposing of a noto-
riously unsavory transaction. It is in
complete harmony with the general de-
fence of the shortcomings and lapses
of the McBride administration. It
might almost be accepted as the plea
of that master of logic, Premier Mc-
Bride himself. Whenever anything ap-
pertaining to the policy of the Social-
ist-Conservative combination cannot be
justified or defended on reasonable
grounds, recourse is had by the high
priests of "graft" to the plea that this
thing was forced upon us by our
enemies at Ottawa.

We do not know, and are not particu-
larly concerned about, how the politi-
cians at Washington conduct the af-
fairs of the people and incidentally re-
ward the "workers" who have claims
upon them. But we do know, and all
the people of Canada who take an in-
terest in public affairs share our know-
ledge, that the relations of the Laurier
government with the management of
the new transcontinental railway
furnished no precedent for the McBride
government negotiating with the com-
pany of strangers and adventurers who
undertook to fix the terminus of the
Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at
Kalen Island as the one place at
which the Pacific Coast end of
the line would bring the maxi-
mum of advantage to the people of
British Columbia. The Grand Trunk
management had no relations with the
Laurier administration through the
medium of intermediaries or third par-
ties. It dealt directly with the Prime
Minister himself. It was the Premier
of Canada who arranged the details of
the contract with the government, and
just as soon as the details were ar-
ranged the scheme as a whole was
submitted to parliament for its ap-
proval. There was no concealment of
the facts for one or two years in order
that a "small band of adventurers"
should have the advantage of special
knowledge, which knowledge they
could apply to their own special bene-
fit in secretly locating or securing in
other ways property they knew must
immediately become enhanced in value.

So the argument that if wrong has
been done, if crooked ways have been
preferred to straight paths, the govern-
ment at Ottawa, and not Hon. R. F.
Green and those who are equally re-
sponsible with him, must be held re-
sponsible is not convincing. It is as
weak as the special plea of the special
committee of the legislature appointed to
exonerate the government. And as it
is contended that the purpose of Mr.
Larsen was not to procure direct bene-
fit for himself but to do a good turn
for the Grand Trunk Pacific in the be-
lief that he would have his reward in
remunerative contracts; as it is held
that Mr. Larsen employed Mr. Ander-
son as a spy to aid him in his under-
takings; as it is admitted that the gov-
ernment comprehended the purpose of
the combination and knew that the
scheme was concocted by a "band of
adventurers"—why, with all this know-
ledge in its possession, did the ministry
fall in with the designs of the grafters
and conspirators when it might have

dealt directly with the Grand Trunk
Pacific people?

The plain fact is the Kalen Island
deal cannot be justified upon any hy-
pothesis the fertile imaginations of in-
genious pleaders can set up. The de-
fenders of the course of the govern-
ment in their attempts at justification
simply involve themselves and the
ministers in mazes of controversy
which lead to nowhere but the conclu-
sion that a plot was devised to rob
the public and to enrich speculators of far
from doubtful character. Everyone
understands the purpose of the band
and the designs of the ministers who
aided and abetted them first in placing
Kalen Island at their disposal and
second in keeping the transaction
secret for as long a term as possible in
order that a "hungry host of adven-
turers," as the Colonist calls them
(meaning the people of British Colum-
bia in general) might not have a
chance of interfering with the plans
of the philanthropists who were bent
upon conferring upon us the benefit of
their experience in locating the ter-
minus of great railways. We submit
that the more discreet course in con-
nection with this matter would have
been for the local organ of the govern-
ment to have followed the example of
the Vancouver News-Advertiser, which
is conscious of the fact that the deal
cannot be defended upon any plea
whatever, and to have abided by the
cort statement that the "bargain is a
good one in the interests of the country."

"PREFERRED" ADVENTURERS.

"If a small band of adventurers were
had, a host of adventures on the spot
would have been far worse." Thus
doth the Colonist, in its own peculiar
fashion, defend the connection of its
idol, Hon. R. F. Green, with a band of
adventurers (mostly foreigners) and
pour contempt upon the heads of the
residents of British Columbia who may
have entertained the delusion that it
would have been justifiable for them
to attempt to derive some measure of
benefit from the construction of the
Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through
this province. This is surely a new
political and economic creed that has
been promulgated, that it is reprehen-
sible, possibly really sinful, for resi-
dents who are on the watch for legiti-
mate opportunities for enterprise and
investment to entertain the mental de-
lusion that they shall not be discrimi-
nated against for the benefit of the
old friends of former days of the Hon.
the Chief Commissioner of Lands and
Works! Mr. Green knew Mr. Larsen
years ago when the times were not so
firmly in joint as they are now. Mr.
Anderson, too, was a close, nay an inti-
mate, friend of the man who is now
Chief Commissioner and holds the keys
of fortune in his hands. Why should
the door of the treasure house not be
unlocked and the old cronies in-
vited to enter now that a time has
come when a tangible token of regard,
even of affection, may be bestowed?
What is the public thinking about
when it reasons that a minister should
not use his public position to advance
the fortunes of his old and worthy as-
sociates? Why all this to-do and hum-
bug about public office not being a pri-
vate "graft"? Let the "host of adven-
turers," meekly stand aside until the
"small band of adventurers" have heip-
ed themselves. They ought to be
thankful if they are permitted to come
into the treasure house after the loot-
ers have satisfied themselves.

CIVIC MATTERS.

A new idea has entered the mind of
the municipal elector and taken ap-
parently permanent root there. The old
idea was to manifest an active inter-
est in civic affairs for a week or two
in the year, and to leave matters en-
tirely in the care of the city council for
the remaining fifty weeks. Whether
our friends in the North Ward will
continue to assemble for the discussion
of municipal questions at short inter-
vals during the entire year is a mat-
ter yet to be determined. We hope
they will, and that other sections of
the city will follow their example. It
is a great incentive to aldermanic dili-
gence and efficiency when ratepayers
let the fact be known that they are
closely following the public acts of
their representatives. It ought to be
a source of satisfaction to all citizens
to have the assurance of the Mayor
that the question of a satisfactory
water supply is not, according to past
customs, to be relegated back to the
period immediately preceding an ap-
proaching election. We shall be forced
sooner or later to face the issue as
between the present inadequate service
and a remodelled system which will be
sufficient for domestic and fire pro-
tection purposes. During the com-
ing summer there is every likelihood
that the necessity for immediate action
will be forced upon us. Let us hope not
in too forcible a fashion. It is there-
fore desirable that a thorough under-
standing of the situation should be
arrived at as soon as possible and the
facts laid before the people in order
that they may have time to assimilate
the tables of relative cost and make up
their minds understandingly. Respect-
ing the question of an "independent
audit" of municipal accounts, if all
that is necessary is a system of check-
ing the books of the corporation, the
present plan seems to serve the pur-
poses very well under the present
corps of officials. If we have out-
grown the system and the time has
come for the appointment of an offi-

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space in your valuable columns to in-
quire as to what our worthy Councillor
Yates considers "Hands versus Heads"
in his assertion last Monday evening that
"Hands never were heads and never will
be." That learned gentleman, by his
exuberant wisdom has not learned the
indecency of discriminating "twixt work-
ing men and otherwise in municipal
affairs. It is time he was called to a
halt. The man who gains his livelihood
by the sweat of his brow is just as much
entitled to the consideration of the city
fathers as anyone else. I have no quar-
rel with the city solicitor or the subject
then under discussion, but I do repudiate
the stinging inference thrown at the
workman. If this class of the elector-
ate is beneath the dignity of Mr. Yates,
he has shown himself very unworthy of
the confidence reposed in him by his
ward. There is no diversity in honest
work, whether mental or physical, except
from a social standpoint, and if that is
where Mr. Yates finds justification for
discrimination I must say it is a first-
class exhibition of ignorance, and the
sooner that gentleman recognises the
fact and governs himself accordingly
just so soon will he recognise his position
to the ratepayers.

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A Worker.

TENDERS FOR TRIAL ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Are Being Invited by the Marine Depart-
ment—Substantial Building to
Be Constructed.

Plans and specifications for the new
wooden lighthouse and tower, fog alarm
buildings and outbuildings connected
therewith, to be constructed on Trial Is-
land, have arrived from Ottawa. This is
a point about three miles from the city
on the southern shore. It is surrounded
by very dangerous waters and has been
the scene of many an accident. A light-
house for the place has been advocated
ever since the Clallam disaster, which
happened within half a mile or so of the
site that has now been chosen for build-
ing purposes. The board of trade has
from time to time recommended that a
light be placed there, and the members
of that body will be pleased to learn that
the promises made by the Dominion gov-
ernment are to be followed by actual
construction work. The building to be
erected will be of a substantial character.
Tenders will be received by the deputy
minister of marine and fisheries till noon
of April 17th. The plans and specifica-
tions can be seen and forms of the ten-
der procured at this department, Ottawa,
at the agency, Victoria, and at the post
offices of Vancouver and Nanaimo.
According to the specifications the light-
house is to be erected on the southern
most end of Trial Island, on the summit
of the highest knoll, about 300 feet from
the shore on the west and 800 feet from
the extreme south point. The rock is here
about 50 feet above the high water mark.
The main building is to face south 22 de-
grees east by compass, which will bring
the kitchen door on the N.W. side.
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to be erected on the summit of the lower
knoll near the south end of the island,
about 300 feet south, 22 degrees east, from
the lighthouse, while the boat house is to
be built on a sheltered point on the is-
land and as may prove most favorable after
investigation of the surf conditions. The
foundation of the lighthouse tower and
dwelling combined is to be of solid con-
crete. From this a chimney with three
flues is to be built, and under the kitchen
a cistern is to be constructed with a
capacity of 600 cubic feet. This will, if
possible, be placed right in the solid rock,
so that considerable excavating will have
to be done.

The superstructure will be a neat two-
story building about thirty by thirty feet,
and abridged with cedar shingles on the
sides, with a tower on top for the ac-
commodation of the light. The power or
character of the light to be installed is a
matter that is not mentioned, this, with
the kind of alarm apparatus to be used
in connection with the station being a
matter for subsequent arrangement after
the buildings are in place.

PERSONAL.

Charles A. Jones and Mrs. Jones, of
San Francisco, are guests at the Bal-
morale. Other "Prison" people at the Bal-
morale are E. J. Spencer, E. M. Hurlington,
Mrs. J. B. Hurlington, Miss C. Campbell
and M. Heck.

Chas. H. Lugin has been confined to
his residence with a gripe for several
days, and although able to be out again
is not sufficiently well to attend to his
business.

Mr. Vowell, superintendent of Indian
affairs, B. C., leaves to-night for the
Mainland on official business.

Dr. Kloeber, of Hot Springs, Washing-
ton, was in the city yesterday, a guest at
the Diarr.

Miss Guthrie, of Broughty Ferry, Scot-
land, is in the city, and is registered at
the Diarr.

Otto H. Partridge, of Mill Haven, Yukon
Territory, is registered at the Dom-
inion.

F. Thomas and Geo. P. Downey, of
Vancouver, are at the King Edward.

Dr. Seale Boyd, of Nelson, B. C., is
registered at the King Edward.

H. J. McClelland, of Birmingham, Eng.,
is a guest at the Dallas.

Wm. Macnaughton, of Dawson, is a
guest at the Dominion.

J. B. Hatcher, of San Francisco, is
registered at the Diarr.

Percy Purvis, of Salt Spring Island, is a
guest at the Dominion.

T. C. Craigie and family, of Regina,
are at the Dominion.

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Sporting News

LACROSSE.

THE NEW POLICY.

As stated in these columns yesterday, considerable interest is already being taken in the Canadian national game by local lovers of sport. Almost everyone concurs in the opinion that the action taken in assigning the management to two or three responsible men is a step in the proper direction. There seems to be some misunderstanding, however, as to the authority to be exercised by the board mentioned. Some have expressed the fear that, clothed with unquestionable power, they would be inclined to be arbitrary. Apart from the fact that the management committee comprises gentlemen who would not be likely to take advantage of the position obtained through the confidence reposed in them by members of the club, it is provided in the agreement that the clubs competing in the different leagues may be consulted upon questions of policy. In order to avoid the confusion of having to refer the matter to the full membership of the various teams the agreement has been made that each club is expected to appoint two delegates who shall hold themselves in readiness to meet the management whenever necessary to discuss and decide questions of policy. Already Messrs. Crocker and Stevens have been selected as the Victoria West representatives, while Messrs. Sweeney and Mason are the Central representatives. It will be seen by this that the new policy of the Victoria club has been well thought out, and that great care has been exercised to so arrange matters that the affairs of the organization may be operated expeditiously, and, at the same time, with due regard to the rights of all concerned.

In summing up the situation on the Coast a New Westminster correspondent pays Victoria a high compliment upon the policy that has been outlined for the ensuing season. He says: "At first the teams of the Pacific province were satisfied with glory at home among their home-raised boys, but a wider scope has been opened and the struggle is just commencing for the championship of the Dominion. The permanent committee of the Western amateur team can stand with success against the teams in the East that are in constant training and supported with no other object than that of developing the game to its highest standard."

Victoria has decided to "allow" her standing in the league to remain unchanged, and will still hold a voice in the league decisions, but will withdraw from the association for one year, at least, until some stand is taken between professional and the amateur game.

Victoria has decided to play entirely an amateur game, and the only men to be paid in connection with the team will be the trainer, doctor, or anyone connected professionally with the team outside of the players.

The other provincial teams took on Victoria with a certain amount of reverence over the stand she has taken in lacrosse, but there appears to be no tendency in the part of these teams to follow suit. Rather, it appears to be the other way, and the general feeling by these teams, that have made such a mark for themselves, is to go ahead and defeat the East. The goal appears to be the championship of the Dominion.

THE OAR.

WANT NEW COURSE.

"Judging from the enthusiasm displayed at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Rowing Club, which was held on Monday night, rowing will again boom in Vancouver this summer," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "There was a large turnout of oarsmen and the meeting was most enthusiastic, and the officers and members of the club are delighted at the prospects."

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THE COAST LEAGUE.

It is only a month before the opening of the Pacific Coast baseball league series and the various teams have now almost completed the signing of players for the season. The Seattle team is the only one complete at the present time. They will start practice at Santa Barbara tomorrow. Among those who have been taken on are the following: Blankenship and Frary, catchers; Shields, Charley Hall, Jones, Vickers and Bell, pitchers; Hill, Muller and Streib, first base; Mohler, second base; Russ Hall, shortstop; Billy Kane, Luster and Mori, third base; McGilvers, left field; Johnnie Kane, center field; Walters and Burnett, right field.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

TO PLAY LADYSMITH.

On Saturday the Central intermediates will visit Ladysmith, where they will play the first game for the championship of Vancouver Island. The Central are in good shape and may be expected to put up a fine exhibition. They are confident of winning, but are not allowing this to interfere with their training.

The second match will take place in this city on the 21st of March. If the Central succeed in capturing the title they will be entitled to the championship of the island and will play the first Mainland eleven for the British Columbia honors.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

It has been announced that no junior team will enter the competition for the British Columbia championship from the Mainland. Therefore the victors of the series now in progress between the North Ward and Y. M. C. A. teams will be justified in terming themselves the provincial champions.

BILLIARD.

Several games were played in connection with the Adelphi tournament last evening, the results of which follow: Macdonald defeated Smith, 20-21; J. Bell lost to E. Frank, 25-30; R. Reid beat J. W. Wood, 30-31; S. W. Savage defeated G. Gardiner, 30-25. A number of contests are scheduled to take place to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock promptly. Those wishing to see some first-class playing are invited to attend.

BASKETBALL.

There is a probability that a match will be arranged between the Victoria and Vancouver Y. M. C. A. teams some time in the near future. The latter want the local five to visit the Terminal City and Instructor Gregory is considering the question. He states that it is impossible to do so immediately, but that the trip may be made two or three weeks hence.

HOCKEY.

Kenora, Ont., March 12.—Dr. Laidlaw, president of the Thistle Hockey Club, wired this morning on behalf of the club to P. D. Ross, trustee of the Stanley cup at Ottawa, challenging for that trophy. This action was decided upon at a special meeting of the executive called this morning.

BASEBALL.

AN AMATEUR TEAM.

There will be no Victoria professional team this season. That, beyond a doubt, is a settled question. The game has been played here at all this season, and it is now possible to answer in the affirmative. The former semi-professional club will be re-organized from what can be gathered from those interested. Almost all the Victorians who took part in the exhibition matches of two years ago have consented to re-enter the arena. In all probability the same policy will be adopted in order to secure competent coaches for the amateurs, namely, the importing of several professionals. The latter will also furnish the home representatives with a first-class battery. It is all that is required to make as strong a local team as the most enthusiastic could desire. Harry Wille, formerly manager of the Victoria amateur club, is reported to have again consented to take over the management, in which event a creditable line and as

The Crimson Blind

By FRED M. WHITE

CHAPTER XLII.—(Continued.)

"I've been looking after our man, sir," the Dutch chap who Miss Enid said you'd come for, just now. My! if I didn't feel good when you laid out Henson on the grass. The sound of that smack was as good as ten years' wages for me. And he's gone off to his room with a basin of vinegar and a team of brown paper. Why didn't you break his neck?"

David suggested that the law took a prejudiced view of that kind of thing, and that it would be a pity to hang anyone for such a creature as Reginald Henson.

"Our man is all right," he asked. "As a trivet," said Williams, "steeping like a baby, he is in my own bed over the stable. I'll show you into the harness room, where Miss Enid's waiting for you, sir, and then I'll go and see as Henson don't come prowling about. Not as he's likely to, considering the clump on the side of the head you gave him. I take it kind of Providence to let me see that!"

Williams hobbled away, chuckling to himself and followed by David. There was a feeble oil lamp in the harness room. Enid was waiting there anxiously.

"So you have put Henson out of the way for a time," said David. "He passed me just now using awful language, and wondering how it had all come about. Wasn't it a strange thing that Van Sneek should come here?"

"Not very," David said. "He is evidently looking for Reginald. Reginald Henson, I have not the slightest doubt that he has been here many times before. Williams says he is asleep. Pity to wake him just yet, don't you think?"

"Perhaps it is. But I am horribly afraid of our dear friend Reginald, all the same. I have not the slightest doubt that he has been here many times before. Williams says he is asleep. Pity to wake him just yet, don't you think?"

"Our dear Reginald will not trouble us just yet. He came down as far as London with Bell. Of course he had heard the news of Van Sneek's flight. Was he disturbed?"

"He hasn't found out that your sister is at Littlemore Castle? That is really the most consoling part of the business. He has been at Littlemore for a day or two, and he is not the remotest idea that Christabel Lee is our Chris."

"A feather in your sister's cap. She has quite captured Littlemore. Bell says."

"And she played her part splendidly. Mr. Steel is very, very good to know that Hatherly has cleared himself in the eyes of Lord Littlemore at last. Did Reginald suspect?"

"Nothing," Steel said. "He is utterly and hopelessly puzzled over the whole business. And Bell has managed to convince him that he is not suspected at all. That business over the Rembrandt was really a brilliant bit of comedy. But what has Henson found out?"

"That Chris is not dead. He has seen Walker and the undertaker. But he does not know yet that Dr. Bell is in the house that eventful night, which is a blessing. As a matter of fact, Reginald has not been quite the same since Hatherly nearly killed him that exciting evening. His nerves seem to be greatly shaken."

"That is because the racial feels the net closing round him," Steel said. "It was a fine stroke on your sister's part to win over that fellow Merritt to her side. I supplied the details per telephone since Hatherly nearly killed Chris. How on earth should we have managed without the telephone over this business?"

"I am at a loss to say, Enid smiled. "But tell me about that plot. I am

quite in the dark as to that side of the matter."

David proceeded to explain his own and Chris' ingenious scheme for getting Merritt into their power. Enid followed the story with vast enjoyment, tempered with the fact that Henson was so near.

"I should never have thought of that," she said; "but Chris was always so clever. But tell me, what was Henson doing in the garden just now? Williams says he was ill-treating my aunt, but that seems hardly possible even for Reginald."

"It was over a ring that Mrs. Henson had," David explained. "She was running away with it, and Henson was trying to get it back. You see—"

"A ring!" Enid gasped. "Did you happen to see it? Oh, if it is only one! But he would not be so silly as that. A ring is the cause of all the trouble. Did you see it?"

Enid turned up the flaring little lamp with a shaking hand. Quite unstrung, she held out her fingers for the ring. "It is just possible," she said, hesitatingly, "that you possess the key of the situation. If that ring is what I hope it is we can tumble Henson into the West Coast tomorrow. We can drive him out of the country, and he will never, never trouble us again. How did you get it?"

"Mrs. Henson dropped it and I picked it up," David said.

"Please let me see it," Enid said, pleadingly. "Let me be put out of my misery."

David handed the ring over; Enid regarded it long and searchingly. With a little sigh of regret she passed it back to David once more.

"You had better keep it," she said. "At any rate, it is likely to be valuable evidence for us later on. But it is not the ring I hoped to see. It is a clever copy, but the black pearls are not so fine, and the engraving inside is not so worn as it used to be on the original. It is evidently a copy that Henson has made to tease my aunt with, to offer her at some future date in return for the large sums of money that she has been paying him."

"The original of that ring is popularly supposed to be at the bottom of the North Sea. If such had been the case—seeing that Henson had never handled it before—the Great Tragedy came—the original must be in existence."

"Why so?" David asked.

"Because the ring must have been copied from the original. It is a very faithful copy indeed, and could not have been made from mere descriptions—take the engraving inside, for instance. The engraving forms the cipher of the house of Littlemore. If Henson has the real ring, if we can find it, the tragedy goes out of our lives for ever."

"I should like to hear the story," said Enid.

Enid paused and lowered the lamp as a step was heard outside. But it was only Williams.

"Mr. Henson is in his bedroom still," he said. "I've just taken him the 'Quina.' He's got a lump on his head as big as a billiard ball. Thinks he hit it against a branch. And my lady have locked herself in her room and refused to see anybody."

"Go and look at our patient," Enid commanded.

Williams disappeared, to return presently with the information that Van Sneek was still fast asleep and lying very peacefully.

"Looks like waiting till morning, I do," he said. "And now I'll go back and keep my eye on that 'ere distinguished philanthropist."

Williams disappeared, and Enid turned up the lamp again. Her face was pale and resolute. She motioned David towards a chair.

"I'll tell you the story," she said. "I am going to confide in you the saddest and strangest tale that ever appealed to an imaginative novelist."

(To be continued.)

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French Delegates Will Not Accept Foreign Control.

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St. Petersburg, March 12.—The latest reports from Algiers are to the effect that an agreement upon the question of the Moroccan police is now practically assured on the basis of the Austrian proposals.

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Mr. Justice Irving Decides Point—Crow's Nest Pass Electric and Power Company Concerned.

A by-law of the city of Fernie granting to the Crow's Nest Pass Electric & Power Company the right to supply water to the city for a period of ten years, was this morning quashed by Mr. Justice Irving. This action was taken on the application of J. A. Macdonald, of the city of Fernie. There appeared for him J. A. Macdonald, K. C., of Rossland. The city of Fernie was represented by A. E. McPhillips, K. C., of this city. There also appeared J. Lawson on behalf of the Crow's Nest Pass Company, which asked to be represented in the proceedings as an intervenor. Mr. Lawson pointed out that the company entered into with the city contract, which was afterwards approved of by the passing of the by-law submitted, had gone to a very heavy expense, amounting to about \$25,000. The company should be represented in the action he thought.

Mr. Macdonald said that the law did not permit of any other parties than the city and the applicant coming into the case.

Mr. Lawson pointed out that there was the danger that the city might take the course of agreeing with the application and practically consent to the case presented by the applicant. In that case the company would be put in a very unfair position, not having the chance to be heard.

Mr. Justice Irving upheld the stand taken by Mr. Macdonald that there was no chance for the company to be represented by Mr. Lawson being heard. One of the contentions on which the company relied was that the application to quash the by-law had not been taken within the time specified by law.

Mr. Macdonald then presented his case. He explained that the by-law had received 88 votes in its favor and there had been 25 against it. He argued that in order that the by-law should be carried, there should be a three-fifths vote in its favor. The contention that a majority vote sufficed was not, according to the statute. Another point in connection with the case was that twenty of those who voted at the time were not on the voters' list. The names of these twenty were set forth in the application. These men had it was represented in the application appeared at the time the vote was taken, and made application for ballots on the ground that they were property owners entitled to have their names added to the list. It was pointed out that these men's names were not put on the list as required under the section, but were allowed to vote. The by-law was submitted on the 13th of October, and on the 1st of November the names objected to were not on the list. The assessor in this instance was also the returning officer. Mr. Macdonald pointed out that under such a condition of affairs all kinds of abuses could be allowed to come in.

Mr. Justice Irving said that there could be a dozen votes in succession as the owners of a piece of property, that lot changing hands that number of times on the day of the vote being taken.

Another complaint raised to the application was that G. G. S. Lindsay, general manager of the Crow's Nest company, and G. Barclay, another official, had been given ballots to vote for the company, although objection was taken at the time. Mr. Macdonald argued that these men would have to show express authority from the company for voting for it before a ballot should be given them.

Mr. Macdonald also read from the application that more ballots were found in the box than there were voters presented themselves.

Mr. McPhillips thought this was rather peculiar.

Mr. Macdonald quickly returned, "Oh, this was Fernie," W. R. Ross, M. P. P., was in the court room at the time, and all joined in a laugh.

Mr. McPhillips said he had instructions from the city of Fernie to state that the city was ready to abide by the judge's decision. If a three-fifths vote was required he thought it was simply an arithmetic computation and the by-law had been defeated.

Mr. Lawson renewed his application to be represented in the case on account of the evident intention on the part of the city to acquire on this application and assist in the quashing of the by-law. It was, he said, a deliberate attempt to defraud the company he represented.

Mr. Justice Irving could not consent under the law to allow Mr. Lawson to appear. It was evident that the intention of the legislature was not to allow intervenors in these proceedings as it was specifically set forth that in an appeal such intervenor could not appear.

His Lordship agreed that the by-law should be quashed. He held that sections 54, 75, and 76 of the Consolidated Municipal Act should be read together and a three-fifths majority was required. He also held that the assessor had followed a wrong practice in allowing G. G. S. Lindsay and W. G. Barclay to vote without express instructions from the company.

The costs were given against the city of Fernie.

His Lordship took occasion to say that he was sorry that the legislature had not provided for an intervenor appearing in such a case as this. The law at present, however, did not permit it.

LOCAL NEWS

A meeting will be held in the board of trade rooms this afternoon to wind up the accounts in connection with the annual theatrical performance given in the Victoria theatre on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The proceeds go to the Royal Jubilee hospital, and it is expected a substantial sum has been realized.

On Saturday next Fred R. Smith, of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, will arrive in Vancouver. Mr. Smith is recognized as one of the greatest authorities on the work of that organization, especially the religious department, in America. He will speak on the evenings of Saturday and Sunday in the Terminal City, and a conference is being arranged to take place on the afternoon of the former day. It is very probable that a number of Victorians will go over to hear the distinguished official. Those who contemplate visiting Vancouver are requested to communicate with H. W. Northcott, secretary of the local branch of the Y. M. C. A.

The programme at the Grand theatre is drawing good houses with the new bill, despite the unusually cold weather and strong opposition of the last few days. Josephine Gassman and her pikaninies head the programme. The three line "pick" act, original and cleverest. Little atoms of colored humanity that have been seen in the city. One little fellow is certainly a natural born comedian. Miss Gassman herself is one of the best comic shouters on the stage. Their concluding number, a Chinese song and dance in costume, is an original and clever turn. The Zerkas, acrobats, have a neat act in which they demonstrate their ability to do many things as easily while up side down as ordinary mortals can while "right side up." Rosalie Sheldon, who has a pleasing soprano, sings "The Last Rose of Summer," and concludes with a humorous ballad which always makes a hit. Fred Walters has a really good black face turn, introducing singing and acrobatic buck dancing. Frank Smith sings the illustrated song, "A Soldier's Dream," and the moving pictures illustrate "The Mystery of the Jewel Casket."

CITY POLICE COURT.

Twelve Months for Embezzlement—Alleged Theft from a Vacant House.

In the police court this morning two young men named Ross and Nicholas were charged with breaking into the house, No. 2 Erie street, and stealing therefrom a number of brass water taps. In the absence of the parents of the accused the case was adjourned until 4 o'clock to-morrow.

There was one drunk in the dock, who was fined \$5 for his intoxication and \$2 for the drive in the patrol wagon.

Yesterday afternoon a case which has been adjourned several times within the past couple of months was finally heard. It was a charge of embezzlement preferred against Charles H. Symes, formerly employed by R. T. Williams as salesman in the Victoria News Co.'s store on Yates street. The prisoner, who has been in custody for some weeks past, was undefended. R. T. Williams produced his account book from which it appeared that certain sums, totalling over \$200, which had been paid in to Symes had not been accounted for. There were three separate cases proved against the prisoner, and the magistrate sentenced him to four months' imprisonment in each case—twelve months in all.

A young lad was fined \$20 and costs on a charge of assault. He stopped a young lady on St. Charles street while she was riding her bicycle, with the result that the lady was thrown from the wheel. The defence was that it was an accident.

NEW FRENCH CABINET.

Outlines its Policy in the Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, March 14.—The new ministry presented itself to the chamber of deputies today and outlined its policy as follows: "The government intends to carry out the church and state separation law with inflexible determination and establish responsibility for resistance to the taking of inventories."

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 14.—5 a. m.—A vast area of high pressure covers the greater part of the region from the Pacific to the Lakes; a moderately low area still hovers off the Oregon coast and extends inland to Utah and Arizona, and snow is falling in this area and also further eastward at Denver, Dodge, Omaha and Chicago. Elsewhere, fair, cold weather is general, with temperatures in the Northwest well below zero at every station.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh northerly and easterly winds, continued fair, and colder to night.

Lower Mainland—Northerly and easterly winds, continued fair, and colder to night.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 27; minimum, 26; wind, 3 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 16; minimum, 16; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, clear, cold.

Kanapaqua—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 15; minimum, 5; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 2 below; minimum, 10 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

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